

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3400

INFO AMEMBASSY AMMAN

AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

AMEMBASSY CAIRO

AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

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BEIRUT PASS BAGHDAD

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, SY, IZ

SUBJ: SYRIA CLAIMS EXECUTIONS OF "PROGRESSIVE ELEMENTS"  
IN IRAQ

1. SYRIAN ARAB NEWS AGENCY REPORTED MAY 8 THAT "FASCIST  
RIGHTIST REGIME" IN IRAQ HAD LAUNCHED "TERROR CAMPAIGN"  
AGAINST "NATIONALIST AND PROGRESSIVE FORCES" WHICH HAVE  
"CONDEMNED IRAQ'S SQUANDERING OF ARAB LAND IN ARABISTAN  
AND SHATT AL-ARAB AND ITS FEEBLENESS IN PERFORMING ITS  
NATIONAL DUTY." SANA SATED THAT CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED "AFTER  
MAIN STREETS IN IRAQI CAPITAL HAD RUNG WITH SLOGANS CON-  
DEMNING TRAITROUS AGREEMENT SIGNED BY SADDAM HUSSEIN WITH  
IRAN." THE IRAQI REGIME, REPORT STATED, CARRIED OUT  
SERIES OF CRIMINAL ASSASSINATIONS LIQUIDATING CREAM OF  
NATIONALIST ELEMENTS IN IRAQ. SANA LISTED 50  
VICTIMS, INCLUDING COLONELS HASAN SHIRWAN AND ABDUL  
KARIM MUSTAFA NASRAT, AND SIX LIEUTENANTS. MRS.

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LAYLA QASSEM HASSAN, REPORTEDLY EXECUTED AFTER SHAM TRIAL IN

BAGHDAD'S ABU GHARIB PRISON, WAS ONLY WOMAN ON LIST.  
FULL LIST BEING POUCHED USINT BAGHDAD AND DEPT.

2. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH EMBASSY UNABLE CONFIRM ACCURACY  
SANA REPORT, NAMING INDIVIDUALS EXECUTED COULD WELL STRIKE  
CLOSER TO THE MARK THAN VERBAL BROADSIDES OF RECENT DAYS.  
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